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**OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: OIG Hotline Complaint - Approval and Use of Oil Dispersants
 Assignment No. OA FY10-0221

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In response to hotline complaints, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) plans to conduct a review of EPA's involvement in the decision to use Corexit in response to the BP oil spill. We will also analyze steps EPA took to include Corexit on the National Contingency Plan Product Schedule.

We will arrange a mutually agreeable time to discuss our objectives and planned work, ideally within the next 10 days. We will answer any questions you have about the review process, reporting procedures, methods used to gather and analyze data, and products you should expect.

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